Mahatma Gandhi, located at Pulianthope in Madras City, was damaged by miscreants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures the State Government have adopted to apprehend the culprits; and

(d) what measures the State Government have taken to repair the damaged statue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported the following facts regarding the incident:

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi, situated at Gandhi Maidan at No. 21, Kuttithambiran Street, Pulianthope, Madras-12, was damaged on 24-3-93.

On receipt of the report, a case (crime No. 353/93) u/s. 447 and 427 IPC., was registered by Pulianthope Police Station and investigated. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that local youngsters who used the Gandhi Maidan to play Cricket has accidentally hit the cricket ball on to the statue and damaged it partially. The youngsters involved namely, D. Balaji (Age 19) and J. Kothandan (Age 19) of Pulianthope were arrested on 25-3-93. They were charged on 7-4-93 and were taken on file in C. C. No. 3487/93 in X Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore. The accused were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250/- each on 28-7-93. Both the accused paid the fine.

The statue is being repaired.

Women Cells set up in Delhi

1202. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Women Cells have been set up in New Delhi to hear the Complaints of the women victimised by their in-laws; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that false complaints without FIRs are also being registered in these cells and if the complaints filed by women are proved false, no action is taken by these cells against the women filing such complaints;

(c) whether it is also a fact that false lists of dowry are submitted by the women in the cells and the innocent grooms and their parents are harassed by the cells to recover the items of dowry;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take with regard to dowry if the groom agrees to keep the bride with him but she refuses to stay with him; and

(e) the number of such cases, registered with the Nanakpura and the ITO women cells, New Delhi during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) An Anti Dowry Cell was set up on 22-1-1983. Following recommendations of the Srivastava Committee which was appointed by the Government of India to go into the functioning of the Delhi Police, the Anti Dowry Cell was strengthened and re-designated as Crime Against Women Cell. The Cell primarily investigates cases of dowry deaths and other heinous crimes where women are the victims. In 1986, Crime Against Women Cells were also established at the district level.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that on enquiries, a few complaints are found to be unsubstantiated. No action has been taken against such complaints.

(c) The list of dowry items submitted by the women are sometime found to be exaggerated. The Crime Against women Cells restore only those items of dowry which are mutually agreed upon by both the husband and the wife. If the ownership of the items claimed by a woman is not proved, no action is taken against the husband and his parents.

(d) In the event of a wife refusing to stay with her husband, the husband has no right to retain the gifts brought by her.

(e) The total number of complaints, received by the Crime Against Women Cell, Nanakpura, and district cells are as under:—

Month	*Total complaints received*
April, 1993	581
May, 1993	684
June, 1993	708

Rape of Children

1203. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape of children below ten years of age showed an alarming increase of more than 278 per cent during 1991 with the year recording 1099 cases as compared to 394 in the previous year, as per U. N. I. reports;

(b) if so, what are the causes for that, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to curb this social evil, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is considering a change in the existing law to make it more deterrent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The number of cases of rape of children rose from 394 in 1990 and 1099 in 1991, i.e., an increase of 179% not 278%. The increase was mainly in Uttar Pradesh (1284%) and Madhya Pradesh (139%).

(b) On issues such as child rape, cause and effect cannot be established with any degree of certitude. However, among other things, there could be some association between violent crimes such as child rape and the increasingly violent and pornographic content of films, magazines, posters and cassettes, urbanisation and break down of social control.

(c) To curb this social evil, media is being used to project women and children in positive terms. Awareness generation camps are also being organised. Women's Development programme in various states, including Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DNACRA) Programme, emphasis on women's education, and increasing consciousness of women's rights will help in controlling such crimes.

(d) and (e) There is no proposal at present for any change in the existing law.

Handing Over of Villages by DDA to MCD & NDMC

1204. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of urban villages in South Delhi which were handed over by DDA to MCD and NDMC for providing necessary civic amenities there;

(b) the details regarding civic amenities provided in each of the above village so far;

(c) what are the areas where there are no necessary civic amenities available such as proper roads and streets, sanitation facilities and health services etc. in these villages the time by which the same will be provided;

(d) whether due to bad economic condition of MCD no such civic amenities could be provided and lakhs of people have been left to live in slum bells; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to improve its economic condition and to ensure provision of civic amenities therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Civic services in 37 villages were handed over to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and in one village to the New Delhi Municipal Committee by the Delhi Development Authority.

(b) and (c) In all these villages most of the roads are metalled/brickpaved. Drainage has been substantially improved. In addition, community halls are being provided where land is available.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Lotteries

1205. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of frauds involving lotteries run by State and Central Governments and their agencies involving public undertakings were detected during the years 1991 1992 and 1993 so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the amount of money involved; and

(c) the total public money collected through such lotteries and the amount disbursed each year out of these collections by way of prizes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Central Government does not run any lottery of its own. The State Governments are competent to run their own lotteries as well as authorise private agencies to run lotteries in their respective States. Whenever complaints about malpractices are received. These are sent to the concerned State Governments for verification and further appropriate action. The Central Government does not maintain any statistics/records pertaining to the income received through running of the State Lotteries and the amount disbursed by the State Governments as prize money.